

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Happy Holidays Edition



Turkey Bowling at the Moapa Gym

Over 60 children ages 5 – 12 gathered at the Moapa Gym on Wednesday, November 19th to take their best shot at bowling for Turkeys. A turkey in bowling terms is when a bowler rolls 3 strikes in a row, but on Wednesday it was about trying to knock down as many pins as one could with their three turns to roll a frozen turkey down gym lanes. The big winner was Khloe May who knocked down 26 out of a possible 30 pins and won a frozen turkey! With 25 pins, Morris Wolfley won 2nd place and took home a pumpkin pie. Third place went to Colton Zamito with 24 pins and he won a dozen chocolate chip cookies. The event was free to all and each child who participated was given a tasty treat for coming out to the event. Gail Lindsay and her staff at the Moapa Gym have run this event for the past 3 years, with growing numbers in each year.



New Concession & Restroom Building at Moapa's Lewis Park



Ron Lewis Park in Moapa has a new concession stand and restroom facility! Clark County Parks and Recreation is excited to announce that groups using the park can offer concessions at the nice, clean and modern facility. Included in the kitchen are great shelves, a commercial refrigerator and ice maker along with several deep sinks. Park hours are 7:00AM to 11:00PM daily and reservations may be made by contacting the Moapa Community Center Office at (702) 864-2423.

Events for December – Northeast

- **Saturday, December 6** – Holiday Open House and Raffle at the Lost City Museum in Overton, 10 am to 7 pm, Free admission
- **Monday, December 8** – Orchestra and Choir concert at Moapa Valley High School, 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, December 10** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, December 16** – Band Concert at Moapa Valley High School, 6:30 pm
- **December 22 – 30** – Hoop Shooting Contest at the Moapa Gym. Call 702-864-2423 for details.
- **Tuesday, December 30** – Moapa TAB* mtg at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

Moapa Valley gets a kick out of soccer!

Clark County Parks & Recreation has concluded another successful year of youth soccer in the Moapa Valley area with over 350 children registered on 34 teams playing in 7 different leagues! All teams were led by volunteer coaches and games were officiated by high school youth working as officials for CCP&R. Youth soccer has always been the largest Parks and Recreation run league in the Moapa Valley area and this season was no exception! Each child who participated in youth soccer received a team shirt and participation award to commemorate their play in this year's program.



Holiday Happenings at the Springs Preserve

While the Springs Preserve isn't in rural Clark County, it is a great family destination here in Las Vegas. And, with all of the activities they have planned this month, it might be a good place to take a break from the holiday shopping craziness – especially since it is located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. – right across from the Meadows Mall. If you do get a chance to visit, I highly recommend the “Wicked Plants Exhibit.” For more information call 702-822-7700 or visit www.springspreserve.org



Train Rides with Santa

Embrace the holiday magic at the Springs Preserve and join us for train rides with Santa! Santa Claus reads holiday stories and hands out candy canes as our "Polar Express" train takes a special journey. Rides run hourly five times each day at 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm, December 22 – 24. \$3 members, \$5 non-members with general admission. For more holiday magic, enjoy seasonal treats in the Divine Cafe or make a holiday-themed drop-in craft in the Origen Rotunda!

Night at the Museum – Polar Express

It's our most-popular kids-only tradition of the year! Our "Polar Express" Night at the Museum includes a screening of the PG rated holiday movie classic, museum discoveries, crafts, pizza dinner, yummy snacks and more! Ages 5–12, Saturday, December 20, 5 – 9 pm (must pre-register by Dec. 19) \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Space is limited.

Holiday Cooking Oil Recycling

Bring your used cooking oil and grease to the Springs Preserve to be safely recycled this holiday season. It's easy to recycle your cooking oil. Just use a funnel to carefully pour the used oil back into its original container, seal it, and then bring it to the Preserve's South Ticketing parking lot during regular hours where a special collection receptacle will be available. November 28 – December 1, 10 am – 4 pm and December 26 – January 15, 2015

Christmas Tree Recycling

Help the Southern Nevada Christmas Tree Recycling Committee give our community a gift – recycle your tree. Each year following Christmas and into the new year you can take your Christmas tree to one of more than 30 convenient drop sites throughout the valley, including the Springs Preserve. Before dropping off your tree, remove all non-organic objects such as lights, wire, tinsel, ornaments and nails. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Drop off your tree daily December 26 to January 15, 2015, 10 am – 4 pm.

Events for December – Southwest

- **Tuesday, December 2, 9 & 16** – Open Rec at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17** – Adult/teen basketball at the SV School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Saturday, December 6** – Senior Potluck and General Meeting, 1 pm. Bring a dish to share or a donation to the meat jar. Meat is Ham and Roasted Chicken. The Sandy Valley Middle School Choir will be performing Christmas Carols.
- **Tuesday, December 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, December 9** – Sandy Valley CAC meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, December 10** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, December 13** – Come meet Jackson the Red Rock Canyon Burro! Jackson will be making an appearance at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All ages welcome. No registration required. For more information, please call (702) 515-5367
- **Saturday, December 13** – eMedia class at the Sandy Valley Library. Confused about electronic media and all of the different devices and gadgets? Come in to get your questions answered with a hands on demonstration. 10:30 am–1:30 pm. For more information call 702-507-6300.
- **Saturday, December 20** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

**Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for more information

Meet furry friends at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center



Jackson the adopted Red Rock wild burro and Carson Blue the adopted and trained wild Mustang will be making an appearance at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center on Saturday, December 13th from 10 am to 1 pm. Come meet them and learn more about the Wild Horse and Burro program. If you want to learn even more about burros, the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Assoc. will be giving a tabletop presentation discussing the history of burros in Red Rock Canyon and the west with a bit of “Donkey 101”. All ages welcome. No registration required. For more information, please call (702) 515-5367.



Cold Weather Trivia



- It can be as warm as 40 degrees on the ground and still snow.
- On average, one inch of rain is equivalent to 10 inches of snow.
- The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was -128 degrees in Antarctica in 1983.
- The largest recorded snowflake was 15 inches wide.
- According to the "Guinness Book of World Records," the biggest snowflake on record occurred in Montana in 1887. It was eight inches by 15 inches.
- The record for the most snow fall in a 24 hour period in the U.S. happened in Silver Lake, Colorado in 1921. During that 24 hour period, six feet and four inches of snow fell.
- While you may have heard someone say, "It's too cold to snow," there is no truth to this. Snow can always fall if it is cold out and there is moisture in the air.
- While there is no proof that it exists, many people believe that the Yeti, or abominable snowman, lives in the Himalayas in Nepal. The word Yeti means snow bear, and many people believe the Yeti is related to Bigfoot.
- The record for the most snowfall during a single season is held by Mount Baker in Washington - 1,140 inches (95 feet) of snow fell in the winter of 1998-1999.
- The world's largest snowman was actually a 122 foot 1 inch tall snow woman named Olympia. She was built in Bethel, Maine in 2008.
- The greatest snow depth ever recorded was 451 inches (37.5 feet) in Tamarack, California on March 11, 1911.



Events for December – Northwest

- **Tuesdays** – Coupon exchange at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6–8 pm**
- **Tuesdays** – Teen Night at the Indian Springs Community Center. Teens have access to the Wii on the big screen TV, pool table, air hockey, basketball game, card and board games, 6–8 pm. Ages 13–19**
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Wednesday, December 3** – Coffee with a Cop at the Mt. Charleston Lodge, 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, December 4** – Game Night & Social Time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 –9 pm, 16 years and older
- **Saturday, December 6** – Teen movie night at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6 pm. \$2 per person. Age 13 and older. **
- **Wednesday, December 10** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, We will be making a wonderful snowman and enjoying a snack. Space is limited to 20 so please call or come in to reserve your child's space. This is for elementary aged children; younger children will need adult assistance. 3:30 pm Cost \$1**
- **Saturday, December 13** – High Desert Seniors Potluck and Secret Santa Gift Exchange at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3–5 pm
- **Thursday, December 18** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**
- **Friday, December 20** – Just Dance – music, food and drinks. Grab a controller and play along or bust out your own dance moves! 7 – 10pm, \$2 per person. Age 13 & older.**
- **Monday, December 22** – Field Trip to the Glittering Lights Show at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway and dinner at the Santa Fe buffet. 5–10 pm. To reserve your seat call 702–879–0833.
- **Monday thru Wednesday, December 22–24 and 29–31** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10 am – 2 pm. Access to the Wii and the X-Box 360, Pool Table, Ping Pong Table, Air Hockey, Basketball Game, and Several Card and Board Games.**

*TAB = Town Advisory Board **For information contact Teresa Hazel at 702–879–3890



Coffee with a Cop (and others) at Mount Charleston

On November 4 the Mt. Charleston Lodge hosted a very successful "Coffee with a Cop" at Mt. Charleston. Three police officers, including Sgt. Andy Legrow, were available to answer questions from the community and spoke about a recent encounter with squatters and what to do if you see something. The answer is SAY SOMETHING! Eight of Mt. Charleston's Metro Police Volunteers (MVPs) were in attendance and helped run the meeting. Questions ranged from what are the hours and times the officers are on patrol to questions regarding road signs, speeders, deer, road construction, and much more. Afterwards, mountain residents commented that they found the meeting to be very informative. The next meeting will be held at the lodge on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Kathy Perkins from Neighborhood Watch will be talking to the group about how to set up a Neighborhood Watch program and the impact it can have on a community.



Voices of the River welcomes the holidays with song

Voices of the River Choir
5th Annual Christmas Gala
Home for the Holidays
Aquarius Casino Resort
Friday, December 12th

Doors open at 6:00pm
 Show begins at 7:00pm (AZ time)
 VIP Reception 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 (Invited Guests Only)
 VIP Reception *** No one under 21 admitted

Reserved Seats \$20.00
**Reserved seating tickets can only be purchased at Village Construction
General Admission \$15.00

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
 THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Bullhead Chamber	1251 Hwy 95 BHC
Village Construction	746 Gemstone BHC
ACE Hardware	2350 Miracle Mile BHC
Tri-State Building Materials	4515 S. Hwy 95 Fort Mohave
Laughlin Chamber	1585 S. Casino Dr. Laughlin

or purchase tickets at
www.mccgalatickets.com
 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT VENUE WILL CALL



Join the Voices of the River Community Choir as they welcome the holidays with an evening of songs for the season. Proceeds benefit the Mohave Community College Foundation scholarships and programs at the Bullhead City campus.

Voices of the River, sponsored by the Mohave Community College Foundation, Bullhead City Chapter, has grown and developed since October 2009. The 70 members come from the Tri - State area, from all walks of life, and the group continues to grow. Voices of the River welcomes singers high school age through senior citizens. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings from 6 - 8 pm at Mohave Community College, Room 600, Bullhead City Campus.

If you would like to receive Rural Connections or would like to contribute community events, articles or photos, please contact Meggan Holzer at meggan@clarkcountynv.gov or 702-455-0341

Events for December – Southeast

- **Friday, December 5** – Searchlight Holiday Parade and Party, Parade will start at 6 pm and the party at the Community Center will start at 6:30 pm when the parade is over. Come enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and experience the joy of the season.
- **Saturday, December 6** – Annual Book Sale at the Laughlin Library. 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 7** – Annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Mountain View Park in Laughlin. Festivities will begin at 4:30 pm with a free showing of the movie Polar Express. Performances by CCP&R Dance Classes and the Laughlin High School Band and Choir. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. **And, photos with Santa!!** Call 702-298-3413 for more information.
- **Tuesday, December 9** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, December 10** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, December 11** – Laughlin Travel Series Lecture at the Laughlin Library. This month's topic: Death Valley. 2-3 pm
- **Friday, December 12** – 5th Annual Voices of the River Christmas Gala at the Aquarius Casino. See previous page. 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person. Call Peggy Boone at 928-542-4994 for details.
- **Saturday, December 13** – Kids crafts at the Laughlin Library, 3-5 pm
- **Sunday, December 14** – Kids and Teens movie at the Laughlin Library, 1:30-3:30 pm
- **Wednesday, December 17** – Get in the holiday spirit by attending Laughlin Junior/Senior High School's Christmas on Guitars Concert. 6:30 pm in the school theater. Free admission.
- **Thru December 20** – Clark County Parks & Rec classes for kids & adults at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center including baking, crafts, dance, music, exercise & more. For more info call 702-298-3413.
- **Monday, December 22** – Nevada Community Prevention Coalition meeting at the Laughlin Library. Come learn how you can have a positive effect within your community. Contact Michael Corti at 702-845-8022 for more information.



From my family to yours –
best wishes for a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Healthy 2015.

Meggan Holzer
Editor, Rural Connections

As a little gift to all of you, below are directions for a holiday craft that I have enjoyed making with my grandkids. We made the pipe cleaner version and they turned out great! The coffee filter variation is something I just discovered and will be trying out this year! Have fun and send me pictures of your creations!



Borax Crystal Snowflakes with Pipecleaners

Materials:

- Borax
- Boiling water
- Pipe cleaners (white or colored)
- Twine/string/wire
- Stick/pencil
- Food coloring (optional)
- Glass container big enough for the snowflake to hang without touching the sides

To make the snowflakes:

- Cut three 5" lengths of pipe cleaner and twist them together at the center to make the shape of a snowflake (or get creative and make fancier snowflakes or other shapes)
- Tie the snowflake to the pencil or stick with the string or wire
- Mix 3 Tablespoons of Borax per 1 cup of boiling water (you can add food coloring if you want)
- Suspend your snowflake in the Borax/water mixture and let it sit overnight
- Remove your creation from the container, let it dry and hang it on your tree! ☺



Borax Crystal Snowflakes with Coffee Filters

Materials:

- Borax
- Boiling water
- Round paper coffee filters
- Food coloring (optional)

To make the snowflakes

- Cut a snowflake from the coffee filter
- Stir borax into boiling water until no more will dissolve (add food coloring if you want)
- Place the paper snowflake onto a plate. Pour the crystal solution over the snowflake, making sure it is completely covered.
- Small crystals take about an hour to form, but larger crystals will take longer.
- Pour off the crystal solution and carefully remove the crystal snowflake from the plate. Allow the crystal snowflake to fully dry, then hang it up and admire your creation!

